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AMENDMENT B SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, which was designated as being filing.

An automatic three month extension of time, up to and including April 4, 2006, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed with this Amendment

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: